Bauxite Smelter Units

2393. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bauxite smelter units in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to expand some of those bauxite units;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the production of bauxite in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There are 7 Aluminium Smelters in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There is proposal to expand the aluminium smelting capacity of the National Aluminum Company Limited (NALCO) from 2,18,900 tonnes to 3,45,000 tonnes.

(d) The present production of bauxite is adequate to meet the requirements of aluminium and other industries in the country. The Government is considering proposals for 100% Export Oriented Alumina Units based on bauxite deposits of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh.

Coal and Lignite Deposits

2394. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the latest estimated deposits of coal and Lignite in the country alongwith their locations and estimates for each location;

(b) the areas presently being mined out of these and the production therefrom during each of the last three years;

(c) the commercially viable and feasible deposits still not being mined, State wise; and

(d) the steps being taken to step up the production, State wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). A cumulative total of 1,92,359.15 million tonnes of coal reserves have been estimated in the country. The details of State wise coal reserves are given below:-

(Reserves in million tonnes)

State	*Proved*	*Indicated*	*Inferred*	*Total*
Andhra Pradesh	5278.30	1650.50	3842.55	10771.35
Arunachal Pradesh	31.23	11.04	47.96	90.23
Assam	133.38	67.17	94.63	295.18
Bihar	27787.14	27477.64	6820.07	62084.85
Madhya Pradesh	8566.91	18843.20	9643.07	37053.18
Maharashtra	2891.16	1307.02	1873.00	6071.18